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Dear Distinguished Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Brian R. Kowalczyk, I am a lifelong CT resident and currently reside in Plainville. I am also the Owner and Lead Instructor of Connecticut Firearm Training Academy LLC and Virtual Range in Berlin.

It saddens me that I once again must submit testimony against proposed firearm related legislation.

This time, however, it's going to be a little different, since the Bruen decision from the Supreme Court has effectively made most of what is proposed unconstitutional I am wondering why you are even debating some of these bills. I know a lot of you are attorneys and whether you like firearms or not the decision speaks for itself.

I stand in firm opposition to Raised Bill 6816 regarding microstamping, ammunition purchase age and possession of body armor.

This is one of the biggest fallacies out there, part of the bill authorizes the Commissioner to do an investigation into the feasibility of microstamping, a simple Google search would show that such technology does not exist in a form that works reliably, removal of the technology with a simple file renders it useless, simply changing a part on the gun would throw off any investigation, grabbing a handful of fired cases at any public range and scattering them at a shooting scene would lead to unnecessary investigations of people who were not even at the scene and revolvers do not leave casing behind, it's just another feel good measure that does nothing but put burdens on manufacturers who will pass costs on to the gun owners.

Banning the sale of ammunition and magazines to those under 21 but over 18 is a big mistake too, a recent Federal Court decision out of Texas stated that those over 18 years of age cannot be prohibited from purchasing handguns. Stopping them from buying ammunition and magazines for guns they can legally purchase at 18 seems a little counter intuitive.

Prohibiting civilians from purchasing and possessing a totally legal product like body armor is another bad idea, what purpose does it serve? When was the last crime committed here in CT with someone in body armor? As far as I know the answer is never, you are seeking a solution for a problem that does not exist, why are we wasting time even talking about this?

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion on Bill 6816, I fully oppose it.

Respectfully,

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